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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-200030, published July 16, 2002 together with an English language abstract;

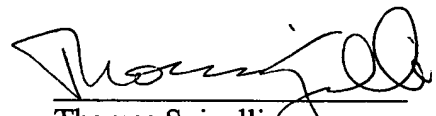
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-135215, published May 16, 2000 together with an English language abstract;
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-304127, published November 1, 1994 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-127100, published May 25, 1993 together with an English language abstract and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,280,781, dated January 25, 1994;
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-542, published January 9, 1996 together with an English language abstract and corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 5,840,024, dated November 24, 1998 and 6,059,718, dated May 9, 2000; and
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-345725, published December 3, 2002 together with an English language abstract.

References 2-7 was cited in a Search Report dated October 7, 2003 received from the Japanese Patent Office. References 1, 3 and 5 were cited in the specification. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 2-7 has been described in the Search Report. The corresponding U.S. patents are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

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